

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

MATCONUSA LP,

Plaintiff,

v.

HOUSTON CASUALTY  
COMPANY, et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C19-1952JLR

MINUTE ORDER

The following minute order is made by the direction of the court, the Honorable  
James L. Robart:

The court is in receipt of Plaintiff MatconUSA LP's ("Matcon") motion for  
limited reopening of discovery and a trial continuance. (Mot. (Dkt. # 179).) Matcon  
represents that the Underlying Lawsuit in King County Superior Court has now settled.  
(*Id.* at 1; *see* Sleight Decl. (Dkt. # 180) ¶ 11, Ex. H ("Settlement Agreement").) It asks  
the court to continue the trial date in this matter to allow it to pursue its indemnity claim

1 against Defendant Houston Casualty Company (“Houston”) and to allow Houston “a  
2 reasonable opportunity” to conduct discovery relating to that claim. (Mot. at 4-6.)

3 Matcon noted its motion on September 2, 2022, in accordance with the court’s  
4 local rules. (*See id.* at 1); *see* Local Rules W.D. Wash. LCR 7(d)(2). The parties’ trial,  
5 however, is currently set to begin on September 12, 2022, and key pretrial filings are due  
6 on August 30 and September 2, 2022. Therefore, in the interest of judicial efficiency, the  
7 court ORDERS as follows:

8 1. Houston shall file a letter responding to Matcon’s motion by no later than  
9 **Monday, August 29, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.** In its letter, Houston shall address (1) its  
10 position regarding adding Matcon’s indemnity claim to the trial; (2) the scope of  
11 discovery it anticipates it would need to defend against Matcon’s indemnity claim,  
12 including estimates of numbers of depositions and other discovery it may require; and  
13 (3) how long it anticipates it would need to conduct this discovery and prepare its defense  
14 of Matcon’s indemnity claim.

15 2. The court will conduct a hearing on Matcon’s motion by Zoom.gov  
16 teleconference on **Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.**

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18 Filed and entered this 26th day of August, 2022.

19 RAVI SUBRAMANIAN  
20 Clerk of Court

21 s/ Ashleigh Drecktrah  
22 Deputy Clerk